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SUBJECT: SOVIET NOTE OF MAY 15 ON BERLIN

REFS: (A) USUN 1605 (NOTAL);(B) BONN 7817 (NOTAL);

(C) BONN 7612 (NOTAL)

1. USSR NOTE IN RESPONSE TO ALLIED LETTER RE
DEMOGRAPHIC YEARBOOK LED TO PROMPT AND STRONG REACTION
IN WEST BERLIN. GOVMAYOR SCHUETZ ISSUED STATEMENT,
CONCLUDING QUOTE IT AMOUNTS TO A PROVOCATION
WHEN THE COMMUNISTS SEEK AT ONE AND SAME
TIME TO BREAK EAST BERLIN OUT OF FOUR-POWER RESPONSIBI-
LITY WHILE IN PARALLEL DENYING BONN-BERLIN TIES
GUARANTEED IN QA. UNQUOTE CDU FRAKTION LEADER
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LUMMER SAID SOVIETS WERE ENGAGED IN STEP-BY-STEP

APPROACH. AFTER EAST BERLIN HAD BEEN FULLY INTEGRATED IN GDR SOVIETS WOULD CLAIM THEIR SHARE OF FOUR-POWER RESPONSIBILITY IN WEST BERLIN. NEXT GOAL WOULD BE TO BRING WEST BERLIN INTO SOVIET POWER SPHERE.

2. BERLIN PRESS COVERED SOVIET NOTE IN EXTENSO. TABLOID BZ ENTITLED ITS PIECE "MOSCOW'S FAIRY TALES" AND ACCOMPANYING COMMENT "UNTRUTHS FROM THE KREMLIN." DIE WELT'S BERLIN CORRESPONDENT KEMNA POINTED OUT THAT ANYONE WHO READ QA WOULD REALIZE SOVIETS COULD NOT DENY THEIR SIGNATURE UNDER QA, INCLUDING SECOND PARA OF PREAMBLE WHICH STATES THAT QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WERE NOT AFFECTED AND OBVIOUSLY COVERED GREATER BERLIN. TAGESSPIEGEL'S BOELKE ALSO REFERRED TO QA PREAMBLE IN COMMENTING THERE WAS LITTLE OF LETTER AND SPIRIT OF QA TO BE FOUND IN SOVIET NOTE.

3. COMMENT: LEST ABSENCE OF CUSTOMARY PASSAGE ON BERLIN IN NATO COMMUNIQUE COMING ON HEELS OF SOVIET NOTE MIGHT GIVE FALSE IMPRESSION, WE SUGGEST FURTHER CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO DETENTE-COMPATIBLE LANGUAGE REAFFIRMING ALLIED VIEW THAT LEGAL SITUATION IN BERLIN REMAINS UNCHANGED.SELIGMANN

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